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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the January Farm Labor Survey. Wage rates and number of hired workers were reported for the U.S., Region and selected States.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

William R. Meyer
Director

January Farm Labor

For the Mountain I Region of the U.S. (Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming), there were 19,000 hired workers on farms and ranches during the week of January 6-12, 2008, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Hired workers worked an average of 40.0 hours during the survey week at an average wage of \$10.40 per hour.

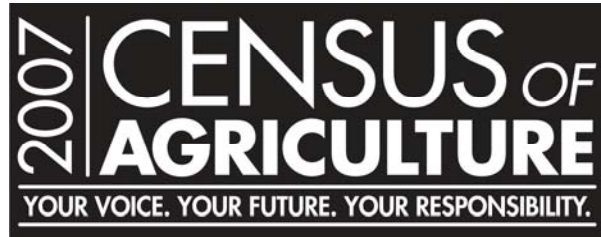
Nationally, farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.77 per hour during the January 2008 reference week. Field workers received an average of \$9.64 per hour, while livestock workers earned \$10.19 per hour. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate was \$9.87 per hour. The number of hours worked averaged 38.4 hours for hired workers during the survey week.



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